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1. In August 1953 a total of 66,180,854 kg of various goods were transported in 3,385 freight cars through the Czechoslovak-Austrian border stations Devinska Nova Ves (P49/X89) - Marchegg (P49/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 47,742,380 kg in 2,355 carloads went from Marchegg (Austria) to Devinska Nova Ves (CSR), and 18,436,474 kg in 1,030 carloads went in the opposite direction. The following goods were involved:

A.	Metals	4,120,000 kg	in 206 carloads
B.	Finished metal goods	151,991 kg	in 13 carloads and 39 cases
C.	Chemicals	1,127,097 kg	in 104 carloads and 23 containers
D.	Liquid & hard fuels	55,132,622 kg	in 2,643 carloads
E.	Textiles	25,888 kg	in 3 carloads and 1 box
F.	Foodstuffs	1,350,767 kg	in 119 carloads and 25 cases
G.	Lumber	3,907,905 kg	in 260 carloads
H.	Other items	364,584 kg	in 37 carloads and 9 cases
Total.		66,180,854 kg	in 3,385 carloads and 97 various containers

Apart from this 2,099 empty tankers went through the two border stations en route from Poland to Austria, nine of them for repair, the rest for re-filling.

2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves (i.e. to & through Czechoslovakia) during August 1953 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

Czechoslovakia:	Poland:		Hungary:		Total:			
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars		
A.	-	-	4,120,000	206	-	-	4,120,000	206
B.	107,833	8	11,251	1	23,888	2	142,677	11
C.	134,187	8	-	-	85,270	6	219,457	14
D.	27,340	2	41,891,282	2,003	-	-	41,918,622	2,005
E.	11,150	1	-	-	75	-	11,225	1
F.	1,313,315	116	-	-	636	-	1,313,941	116
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	15,983	2	430	-	-	-	16,463	2
Total	1,609,808	137	46,023,013	2,210	109,559	8	47,742,380	3,355

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These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

Austria:		Italy:		Switzerland:		Total:		
kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	
A. metal	-	4,120,000	206	-	-	4,120,000	206	
B. " " goods	118,591	9	24,081	2	-	142,672	11	
C. " " chemicals	61,750	4	134,187	8	23,520	2	210,457	14
D. " " fuel	41,918,622	2,005	-	-	-	41,918,622	2,005	
E. " " textiles	11,225	1	-	-	-	11,225	1	
F. " " fruit	132,675	15	1,181,265	101	-	1,313,941	116	
G. " " other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H. " " live	983	1	15,480	1	-	-	-	
Total	42,243,847	2,035	5,475,013	318	23,520	2	47,742,380	2,355

3. The imports to Czechoslovakia via Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves were composed of:

a. Finished metal goods 107,883 kg
in eight carloads, all from Austria (Vienna)

- (1) Iron construction parts 78,823 kg
in six carloads
Destination: Bratislava 19,377 kg in 2 carloads
Dubnica(P49/T69) 59,446 kg in 4 carloads
- (2) Railroad equipment (unspecified) 16,910 kg
in one carload to Bratislava
- (3) Air pressure accumulators 12,100 kg
in one carload to Topolcany (P49/T64)

b. Chemicals 134,187 kg
in eight carloads, all from Italy (Tarvisio)

- (1) Cryolite 75,000 kg
in five carloads to Sv.Kriz nad Hronom (Q49/C54)
- (2) Electro-coal paste 58,000 kg
in three carloads to Devinska Nova Ves
- (3) Electro-graphite plates 1,187 kg
in 14 boxes to Devinska Nova Ves

c. Fuels 27,340 kg
in two carloads from Austria (Vienna)

Heating oil
Destination: Devinska Nova Ves

d. Textiles (artificial silk yarn) 11,150 kg
in one carload from Austria (St.Pölten) to Devinska Nova Ves

e. Foodstuffs 1,313,315 kg
in 116 carloads (101 from Italy, 15 from Austria)

- (1) Lemons 1,181,265 kg
from Tarvisio to Devinska Nova Ves
- (2) Peaches 132,050 kg
from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves

f. Other items 15,983 kg
in two carloads

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- (1) Hemp seed 15,000 kg
in one carload from Italy (Tarvisio) to Strazky (R50/D79)
- (2) Personal effects 85 kg
in one suitcase from Austria (Graz) to Nitra (P49/T6)
- (3) Pieca woods (unspecified) 898 kg
in one carload from Vienna to Bratislava

4. The goods consigned to Poland consist chiefly of the following two large items:

- a. Metals (zinc ore) 4,120,000 kg
in 206 carloads from Italy (Tarvisio) to Chalunki
- b. Fuels (liquid fuels)¹ 41,891,282 kg
in 2,003 carloads from Austria (Vienna)
 - (1) Crude oil 30,495,022 kg
in 1,539 tankers
Destination: Trzebinia 27,910,322 kg in 1,429 tankers
Jedlice 1,960,610 kg in 80 tankers
Limanowa 624,090 kg in 27 tankers
 - (2) Gas oil 6,062,180 kg
in 239 tankers
Destination: Wroclaw 2,184,050 kg in 89 tankers
Slawiecice 2,090,790 kg in 82 tankers
Ustrzyki Dolne² 1,787,340 kg in 68 tankers

Apart from this there was one carload (11,251 kg) of iron ball bearings from Italy (Tarvisio) to Zebrzydowice, and seven boxes (480 kg) of unspecified electrical material also from Tarvisio to Zebrzydowice.

5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted chiefly of finished metal goods and chemicals.

- a. Finished metal goods 23,588 kg
in two carloads and 22 cases. These contained:
 - ✓ machine parts 74 kg from Austria
 - ✓ compressor spare parts 622 kg from Austria
 - ✓ electrical meters 305 kg from Austria
 - ✓ pressure valves 114 kg from Austria
 - ✓ telegraph relays 157 kg from Austria
 - ✓ grinding discs 263 kg from Austria
 - ✓ sewing machines 80 kg from Austria
 - ✓ kitchen utensils 303 kg from Austria
 - ✓ steel wire 8,840 kg from Austria
 - ✓ iron goods (unspecified) 11,490 kg from Italy
 - ✓ semi finished goods 1,340 kg from Italy
- b. Chemicals 85,270 kg
in six carloads (four from Austria, two from Switzerland). These contained:
 - ✓ magnesite bricks 61,750 kg from Austria
 - ✓ dimethylphosphate 17,460 kg from Switzerland
 - ✓ gelatine 6,060 kg from Switzerland

Apart from this there was a consignment of 626 kg of canned vegetables from Czechoslovakia and 75 kg of ready-made dresses from Austria.

6. Shipments in the direction Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg (i.e. from Czechoslovakia and via Czechoslovakia from Poland and Hungary) during August 1953 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

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Austria:		Switzerland:		Italy:		Total:		
kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B.	9,319	2	-	-	-	9,319	2	
C.	186,072	18	65,000	6	656,568	66	907,640	90
D.	13,214,000	638	-	-	-	13,214,000	638	
E.	14,663	2	-	-	-	14,663	2	
F.	36,826	3	30,540	2	-	36,826	3	
G.	-	-	56,720	5	3,851,135	255	3,907,905	260
H.	268,727	26	60,301	6	17,893	2	346,921	34
Total	13,699,067	687	212,561	19	4,525,646	323	18,437,274	1,029

In addition there was 1,200 kg of personal belongings in one carload from Czechoslovakia (Bratislava) to Yugoslavia (Stara Pazova).

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:		
kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B.	9,319	2	-	-	-	9,319	2	
C.	877,280	88	-	-	30,360	2	907,640	90
D.	13,214,000	638	-	-	-	13,214,000	638	
E.	14,663	2	-	-	-	14,663	2	
F.	36,826	3	-	-	-	36,826	3	
G.	3,892,155	259	-	-	15,750	1	3,907,905	260
H.	254,839	25	7,188	1	86,094	9	346,921	34
Total	13,299,082	1,017	7,188	1	132,204	12	18,438,474	1,030

7. The exports from Czechoslovakia via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg were composed of:

a. Finished metal goods in two carloads to Austria (Vienna) 9,319 kg

- (1) Steel ball bearings in 16 boxes from Devinska Nova Ves 1,417 kg
- (2) Steel goods (unspecified) in one carload from Modra (P49/T11) 3,146 kg
- (3) Iron stands in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves 4,030 kg

b. Chemicals 877,280 kg in 88 carloads (66 to Italy, 17 to Austria, 5 to Switzerland)

- (1) Charcoal 836,300 kg in 85 carloads (63 to Italy, 17 to Austria, 5 to Switzerland)
Dispatch station: Hnusta (Q49/D33) 786,300 kg in 80 carloads
Smolenice (P49/T13) 50,000 kg in 5 carloads
Destination: Pontebba (Italy) 306,300 kg in 32 carloads
Bodio 310,000 kg in 31 carloads
Buchs (Switzerland) 50,000 kg in 5 carloads
Konkordiahütte (Germany) 170,000 kg in 17 carloads
- (2) Cellulose 40,268 kg in three carloads to Italy (Pontebba)
Dispatch station: Martin (C50/C69) 16,270 kg in 1 carload
Ruzomberok (Q50/099) 23,998 kg in 2 carloads
- (3) Lactic acid 712 kg in nine containers to Austria (Vienna) from Sored (P49/T31)

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c. Fuels (hard coal) 13,214,000 kg
in 638 carloads to Austria (Vienna) from the Ostrava coal basin

d. Textiles 14,663 kg
in two carloads to Austria (Vienna)

(1) Cotton material 6,421 kg
in one carload from Bratislava

(2) Woolen rags 8,234 kg
in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves

e. Foodstuffs 36,826 kg
in three carloads

(1) Malt 30,540 kg
in two carloads from Trnava (P49/T22) to
St. Margarethen (Switzerland)

(2) Dried egg yolks 6,286 kg
in one carload from Cifer (P49/T21) to Vienna

f. Lumber 3,892,155 kg
in 259 carloads from various stations in Slovakia

(1) Tree trunks 1,251,675 kg
in 81 carloads (77 to Italy, four to Switzerland)

(2) Cut lumber 2,520,480 kg
in 167 carloads (157 to Trieste, nine to Italy,
one to Switzerland)

(3) Impregnated timber 22,750 kg
in seven carloads to Italy

(4) Poles 53,000 kg
in four carloads to Trieste

g. Other items 254,839 kg
in 25 carloads

(1) Sheet glass 111,715 kg
in seven carloads to Austria (Vienna)
Dispatch station: Retenice (N51/F24) 52,675 kg in 4 carloads
Teplice (N51/F34) 59,040 kg in 3 carloads

(2) Hollow glass 5,290 kg
in one carload to Austria (Vienna) from Led-
nicke Rovne (P50/060)

(3) Rags 136,333 kg
in 16 carloads to Austria (Vienna) from
Devinska Nova Ves

(4) Tobacco products 301 kg
in one box to Italy from Cierna nad Tisou (R/9/E90)

(5) Personal belongings 1,200 kg
in one carload to Yugoslavia (Stara Pazova)
from Bratislava

8. The only item shipped from Poland (Trzebinia) via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg
in August 1953 was one carload (7,188 kg) of hollow glass consigned to Austria
(Vienna).

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9. Shipments from Hungary via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg consisted of:

a. <u>Chemicals</u>	30,360 kg
in two carloads	
(1) <u>Starch</u>	15,000 kg
in one carload to Switzerland (Buchs) from Budapest	
(2) <u>Formalin</u>	15,360 kg
in one carload to Austria (Marchegg) from Kőbanya Hidalgó	
b. <u>Lumber</u> (cut lumber)	15,750 kg
in one carload to Trieste from Felnemet	
c. <u>Other items</u>	86,094 kg
in nine carloads. These contained:	
fayence (china)	4,950 kg in 1 carload to Hungary
"centralit" (sic)	8,541 kg in 1 carload to Austria
nettles	5,005 kg in 1 carload to Switzerland
brooms	13,125 kg in 2 carloads to Switzerland
tarpaulin	30,000 kg in 2 carloads to Switzerland
collective consignments	24,473 kg in 2 carloads (one to Trieste, one to Switzerland)

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1. Comment. In comparison with previous months there was a sharp increase in August in the shipment of liquid fuels from Austria to Poland which might be indicative of a Soviet effort to speed up the exploitation of the Austrian oil fields. Shipments of liquid fuels from Austria to Poland (probably en route to the USSR) during the last six months were as follows:

February	25,993,005 kg
March	31,228,320 kg
April	26,680,947 kg
May	29,152,090 kg
June	26,120,530 kg
July	29,533,411 kg

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2. Comment. Polish-Soviet border station.

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